



City of Cincinnati

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City of Cincinnati Wind Storm Operations

General

- The City Service line is operational. Call 591-6000 for service requests, including tree and limb removal.
- Police and Fire are fully staffed and are responding to calls. Police officers are assisting with public safety needs including traffic and patrols.

How Citizens Can Help

- Stay away from all downed power lines.
- Stay off the roads if you can. There are many downed power lines and tree limbs in the roadways. Fewer vehicles will speed our ability to remove them.
- Stay in your home unless necessary.
- **Look Up.** Trees could have damage and still have limbs that could fall. Power lines could also be caught in tree limbs overhead. Use caution.
- **Conserve water.** Limit water use to drinking, cooking, hand washing, and personal water use only.
 - Conserving water preserves the water already in the system and conserves energy at the same time.
- **Share the news.** If you have access to information, please share with neighbors, family and friends to help keep the community safe.
- **Stop and then Go.** Consider all intersections with non-working traffic signals to be four-way stops. Proceed through them with caution.
- **When in doubt throw it out.** Be very careful with your food. Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
 - Use common sense.
 - The refrigerator will keep food safely for about 8 hours. The freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours if full and 24 hours if half full.
 - Never taste food to determine if it is safe.
- **Tune in.** This event is a reminder that everyone should keep a battery-powered radio in their homes.

Tree and Limb Removal

- City crews and contractors are out addressing downed trees and limbs in the following order:
 - Major routes and thoroughfares
 - Streets with only one access point
 - Blocked driveways
 - Houses
- The City will relax its procedures and pick up any tree limbs or branches brought to the curb.
- The City cannot go onto private property to get tree limbs and branches.
- The City will send crews as soon as possible; this may differ from your regular trash collection day.
- Leaves, small brush and sticks should be put either in a biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags, or in trash cans clearly marked "YARD WASTE".
- Yardwaste in plastic bags can not be collected.

The City can only address trees and limbs where Duke Energy has been able to clear downed lines.

If you need to report trees and limbs in the public streets and curbs, please call 591-6000.

Trash Collection

- The City is sending trucks for regular trash collection this week, where crews are not blocked by downed wires

Water

- Greater Cincinnati Water Works is continuing to provide quality drinking water to the entire service area.

Streets and Traffic

- Currently there are about 150 traffic signals not working out of a total of 750 signals in the City.
- City crews are working to open streets throughout the city (focusing on major thoroughfares first) as quickly as possible.

Health Services

- Currently, there are only two Cincinnati Health Centers open:
 - The Cann Health Clinic in Madisonville, 5818 Madison Avenue.
 - Elm Street, 1525 Elm Street
 - If you have prescriptions that have to be filled, please go to the Elm street clinic.
 - The Millvale Clinic, the Northside Clinic, and the Price Hill Clinic are closed.

Parks

- There are numerous trees and power lines down in parks throughout the City. Therefore, the following parks are closed:

Alms

Mt. Storm

Sayler Park

Mt. Airy

Mt. Echo

Caldwell

Burnet Woods

Rapid Run

Additionally, refrain from going on trails or where there is heavily wooded areas, including parks for the week.